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1. PL DEMANDS US MARINES BE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY BEATING UP LAOTIAN YOUTH; CHARGE CHAPMAN DISCUSSES CASE WITH PL FONMIN PHOUMI. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS MARINE DENIES CHARGES BUT ADMITS SHOUTING AT GROUP THAT HURLED INSULTS AT HIM; NO DECISION MADE YET IN CHAPMAN-PHOUMI TALKS, AND DOES "NOT RULE OUT" MARINE COULD BE FLOWN OUT OF COUNTRY (WP; AP PHINQ, NYDN, SUN). UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAY NEW ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS MAY BE STAGED MON, DAY HABIB ARRIVES. TOP LAOTIAN GEN WHO FLED COUNTRY STATES HE, OTHERS, ANGRY AT US UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR NOT EVACUATING OR HELPING THEM WHILE IN THAILAND AWAIT-
ING EMIGRATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES (AP, SUN; WP). ANTI-US
DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE SPURRED REDUCTION US MISSION IN LAOS TO
150: 60 DOS, 30 AID, 20 MIL AID, 6 USIS, REST CONTRACT

WORKERS (AP, NYDN).

HABIB EXPECTED TALK TO SOUVANNA, PHOUMI, US OFFICIALS DURING 2-DAY STAY (AP, SUN). FUTURE OF US AID PROGRAM IN LAOS AND PARTICIPATION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPERATIONS WILL BE CENTER OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LAOTIAN GOVT, HABIB. US DECISION ON FEOF EXPECTED HAVE MAJOR, PERHAPS DECISIVE EF-

FECT ON FUND CONTINUANCE SINCE OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES (JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, UK) VIEW US CONTRIBUTION AS GUIDE FOR WHAT THEY SHOULD GIVE (ANDELMAN, NYT).

PL GEN BOUPHA, VICE MINDEF, SAYS VIENTIANE ARMY MUST DO AWAY WITH "IDEAS HOSTILE" TO PL IN ORDER PAVE WAY FOR ARMY UNIFICATION; CALLS ON VIENTIANE ARMY STOP BEING INSTRUMENT US "NEOCOLONIALISM," FREE ITSELF FROM CIA PENETRATION AND CONTROL (AP, SUN). VIRTUAL PURGES LINKED TO TIGHTENING COMMUNIST GRIP ON GOVT FORCE TOP AIDES RESIGN FROM LAOTIAN GOVT (ANDELMAN, NYT 5/31).

KR AUTHORITIES IN THAI BORDER TOWN POIPET ASK RTG POLICE NOT BE TOO STRICT IN BORDER TRADING SINCE THAIS, KHMERS, "ARE BROTHERS" (WP). CAMBODIA ANNOUNCES ANGKOR WAT CLEANUP CAMPAIGN (AP, SUN).

US TRADE PUBLICATION REPORTS NVN PLANS INCREASE STEEL PRODUCTION TO 4.4 MILLION TONS BY 1980, UP FROM LAST YR'S 220,000 TONS. TOKYO TRADE SOURCES SAY EXPANSION RELIES ON FINANCIAL, TECH AID FROM FRANCE, ITALY, SWEDEN, PRC, JAPAN, SOVIET (WSJ).

SAIGON GOVT COURTS CHILDREN WITH SHOWS, GIFTS ON INTL CHILDREN'S DAY (AP, SUN). AMB MARTIN PROMISED COPTER EVACUATION FOR 150 TOP GVN POLICE, BUT CHOPPER NEVER ARRIVED. AS RESULT, FORMER TOP COP COMMITTED SUICIDE AND ALL POLICE RECORDS FELL INTO COMMUNIST HANDS (UPI, NYT 5/31). DOS SPOKESMAN HAS NO COMMENT ON REPORT 150 SAIGON UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICE AND FILES LEFT BEHIND. ADMIN OFFICIALS SAY MORE INFO MAY BE AVAILABLE WHEN AMB MARTIN RETURNS FROM VACATION (NYT 5/31).

ARVN GEN DON, 4 AIDES AND FAMILIES RELEASED FROM CHAFFEE WITHOUT WAITING FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE. WERE SPONSORED BY RETD US GEN (KELLY, WSTAR 5/30). NYT'S MALCOLM TELLS OF ADJUSTMENT TO EACH OTHER BY VIET FAMILY, TOWN OF CAMAS, WASH. NYT'S FERON WRITES OF 2 VIET COLLEGE STUDENTS IN US WHO MISS COMMENCEMENT BECAUSE OF WORRY OVER FAMILIES BACK IN SVN. SUN'S WINTERS NOTES WITHOUT SPONSOR PENDLETON BECOMES PRISON FOR VIET REFUGEES.

2. CHINA

AP (TOKYO) CITES KYODO REPORT PRC ON SEPT 1 WILL INAUGURATE SYSTEM AIMED AT SPELLING CHINESE IDEOGRAPHS IN NEW STANDARD ROMANIZED FORM CORRESPONDING MORE CLOSELY TO WAY WORDS ACTUALLY PRONOUNCED. PRC WILL USE NEW SPELLINGS FOR NAMES OF PERSONS/PLACES WHEN

IT ISSUES PASSPORTS, OTHER DOCUMENTS, FOR USE ABROAD. UNDER NEW SPELLINGS, PEKING WILL BECOME "BEIJING," MAO TSE-TUNG "MAO ZEDONG" (SUN, WP, NYT; PHINQ).

AP SEATTLE DISPATCH (NYT 5/31) REPORTS RETURN HOME OF 64-MEMBER US TRACK/FIELD TEAM FROM HISTORIC PRC TOUR AFTER ROWDY, DRUNKEN DISPLAY BY FEW ATHLETES AT DINNER GIVEN BY PRC HOSTS, WITH HIGHEST-RANKING CHINESE SPORTS DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE. US HURDLER, VAULTER, EXCHANGED BLOWS THURSDAY NIGHT AT PEKING FAREWELL DINNER FOR US TRACK TEAM (UPI SEATTLE 5/31).

"AMERICAN METAL MARKET" REPORTS PRC PLANS BOOSTING STEEL OUTPUT TO ABOUT 55 MILLION TONS IN 1980 (WSJ). PRC HAS AGREED TO BUY 40,000 TONS RUBBER FROM MALAYSIA OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS, AND CHINESE SHIPS WILL TAKE IT TO EUROPE AT LOWER FREIGHT RATES THAN THOSE OF CONFERENCE LINES (JOC).

DRY WEATHER IN NORTHERN PRC PLAIN DURING SPRING UNCLASSIFIED

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THREATENS WINTER WHEAT CROP. MILLET/SORGHUM DROUGHT RESISTANT, SO NO QUESTION YET OF FUTURE SERIOUS SHORTAGE--HOWEVER, DIET COMPOSED MAINLY OF COARSE GRAINS IS NOT POPULAR (JOC).

3. JAPAN

SUN'S TAKAYAMA NOTES JAPANESE WINE INDUSTRY BOOM. JAPANESE PRODUCERS SEE FUTURE BRIGHT--WINE CONSUMPTION INCREASING ANNUALLY AS PEOPLE ADOPT WINE-DRINKING HABIT. EXPERTS SAY CLIMATE, SOIL, IN KATSUNUMA REGION MORE THAN SUITABLE FOR GRAPE PRODUCTION.

JOC REPORTS MARUBENI CORP OF TOKYO PLANS PRODUCE 39,000 TONS SOYBEANS, 16,000 TONS WHEAT ANNUALLY BY 1978 IN EXPANSION OF BRAZILIAN FARM PROJECT.

KENYA BEGAN 6/1 SHIPPING FLUORSPAR TO NIPPON STEEL. HAS AGREED SUPPLY JAPAN 40,000 TONS OF MINERAL OVER NEXT 3 YRS (WP)

4. KOREA

SELLAR (CSM) REPORTS CANADA READY SELL SK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, BUT TRUDEAU INSISTS ON STRINGENT SAFEGUARDS PREVENTING DIVERSION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL TO MAKE WEAPONS. BRITISH GOVT LAST WEEK AGREED LEND SK MONEY NEEDED TO BUY 380 MIL DOL A-PLANT.

5. THAILAND

HABIB ARRIVES TO DISCUSS US-THAI RELATIONS, STRAINED AS RESULT COMMUNIST VICTORY IN CAMBODIA, MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR (UPI, NYT); SAYS IN THAILAND TO REVIEW THAI PROBLEMS RATHER THAN SET DOWN US POLICY (UPI, NYDN). DOS' FUNSETH FRIDAY DENIED SECSTATE HAD TOLD REPORTERS NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THAI POLITICIANS, ONLY TO MIL, AS ALLEGED IN FE ECON REVIEW (WP 5/31).

THAILAND LABOR FEDERATION THREATENS NATIONWIDE STRIKE IF GOVT FAILS COMPLY WITH DEMAND DISMISS POLICE COL BY WEDS UNCLASSIFIED

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(WP). RTG MINDEF GEN PRAMARN SAYS COMMUNISTS FROM ABROAD HAVE STEPPED UP INFILTRATION IN NE THAILAND, SINCE CAMBODIA, SVN VICTORIES (WP; CSM).

6. BURMA

FIVE OF BURMA'S DOZEN-ODD INSURGENT GROUPS FORM NON-COMMUNIST FEDERATION TO CONSOLIDATE STRUGGLE AGAINST NE WIN (WP). NEW FRONT HOPES GET AID, RECOGNITION, FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES (AP, SUN).

7. MALAYSIA

MALAYSIAN RED CROSS ASKS OIL COMPANIES DONATE FUEL FOR 1500 VIET REFUGEES LIVING ON ISLAND OFF COAST, SINCE NEEDED FOR REFUGEES' BOAT TO GET DRINKING WATER FROM COASTAL VILLAGE. OVER 1 MILLION TOURISTS VISITED MALAYSIA LAST YR, UP OVER 24-PCT OVER PREVIOUS YR (WP).

8. AUSTRALIA

FONMIN WILLESEE WILL VISIT CHINA, JAPAN, NK, SK NEXT MONTH FOR GENL DISCUSSION REGIONAL PROBLEMS, DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS (AFP, WP). US DRUG FIRM, POLISH COMPANY, MAY MAKE TASMANIA MAJOR SOURCE OPIUM-BASED MEDICINES. JOINT PROJECT DEVELOPED HIGH-YIELD POPPY, MAY DOUBLE AUSTRALIAN MORPHINE EXPORT. UK COMPANY ALSO GROWS POPPIES FOR CODEINE. AUSTRALIA ENTERS POPPY BUSINESS LARGE SCALE DUE WORLD-WIDE CODEINE SHORTAGE, USING POPPY-STRAW METHOD (KRAMER, WSJ).

9. HONG KONG

CHITRIB CARRIES UPI STORY ON FLOATING POOR OF ABERDEEN, WHOSE POPULATION HAS FALLEN OFF RECENTLY AS MANY GO ASHORE FOR FACTORY JOBS. THOSE WHO REMAIN FISH, FIND LIFE EXCITING, HAVE SENSE OF BELONGING.

10. GENERAL

US COTTON EXPORTERS MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED SALVAGING SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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SHAKY CONTRACTS WITH MILLS IN SK, TAIWAN, PHIL, THAILAND, BOUGHT LATE IN 1973-74 WHEN PRICES HIGH, SUPPLIES SCARCE. CONTRACTS INVOLVE 1.3 MILLION BALES, WORTH 350 MILLION DOLS. MILLS DIDN'T MAKE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS OR PAY; US EXPORTERS ORGANIZED TRADE GROUP, TOOK SEVERAL MEASURES RESCUE CONTRACTS, INCLUDING TRIPS, TRADE MISSION THAT INCLUDED DOS, USDA. SK, TAIWAN AGREED ACCEPT SHIPMENT; PHILS HAVEN'T TAKEN ACTION; THAILAND HASN'T MADE ASSURANCES (JACKIEWICZ, WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE) SAY PRES, AFTER CHECKING WH FILES, ASSURED CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS NIXON MADE NO SECRET COMMITMENTS TO THIEU. QUOTE SECSTATE THAT NIXON STATEMENTS OF INTENTIONS DID NOT DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

LEWIS (NYT; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE) BELIEVES PRES' HANDLING OF MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR IN CONFLICT WITH LAW BARRING USE OF COMBAT FORCES IN INDOCHINA. CONCERNING INCIDENT, REGRETS PRESS SEEKING TONE DOWN ALREADY INADEQUATE SKEPTICISM TOWARD OFFICIAL TRUTH.

ERTEL (CHITRIB) FINDS SAD HOW EASILY US HAS FORGOTTEN VN. SAYS REFUGEES ARE HUMAN RESIDUE OF OUR UNKEPT PROMISES--BUT SOME CALL THEM LEECHES, DON'T WANT THEM HERE. NOTES ATROCITIES, NOW ONLY COMMITTED BY COMMUNISTS, APPEAR "BOTTOM OF PAGE FIVE."

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN VIENTIANE REPORTS PURGE, OR "PURIFICATION CAMPAIGN," BEING CARRIED OUT WITH EFFICIENCY SELDOM SEEN IN LAOS. DAY AFTER DAY LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS DENOUNCE OLD VIENTIANE REGIME OFFICIALS, FORCE THEM RESIGN. EUROPEAN RESIDENT SAYS CAPITAL WILL SOON BE LIKE HANOI. OPINES THAT CORRUPTION OF OLD REGIME EXCEEDED TOLERANCE OF ORDINARILY EASY-GOING LAOTIANS, WITH HIGH INFLATION CONTRIBUTING TO PUBLIC UNHAPPINESS (IN USIA WIRELESS

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12. JAPAN

ROBERT BARNETT (WP, 5/31) NOTES JAPAN'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE TO NEW SEA POL REALITIES. STATES JAPAN SHOULD REMAIN UNARMED, PLAYING STRATEGIC ROLE OF NEUTRAL "BROKER" IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST/NON-COMMUNIST SEA NATIONS.

13. KOREA

NYT (5/31) CARRIES FULL-PAGE EXCERPTS OF 3 SPEECHES BY KIM IL SUNG, PLACED BY KOREAN INFO OFFICE (STOCKHOLM), CONCERNING REUNIFICATION. ALL DEMAND REMOVAL US/UN TROOPS FROM SK; PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR SK REVOLUTIONARIES.

WP (5/31) CAUTIONS REMOVAL US TROOPS IN SK WOULD BE "SERIOUS MISTAKE," COULD CAUSE SK LAUNCH PREEMPTIVE ATTACK, ASSURING US INVOLVEMENT; ALSO COULD MEAN STRENGTHENING JAPANESE MIL CAPABILITIES, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ARMS. SUGGESTS REMOVAL UN PRESENCE, LEAVING KOREANS, US, PRC, JAPAN, SOVIET TO STABILIZE STATUS QUO (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

EVANS/NOVAK (WP 5/31) BELIEVE PRES FORD CONFIDENT NK ATTACK ON BROAD SCALE WOULD UNITE CONGRESS BEHIND US/SK TREATY; BUT WARN OF DANGER ASSERTING PRESIDENTIAL SUPREMACY IN FOREIGN POLICY OVER UNFRIENDLY CONGRESS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

STONE (NYT) ADMONISHES AGAINST HASTY US INVOLVEMENT SK. CITES SPECIFIC TERMS OF TREATY, MAKING US MIL INVOLVEMENT FAR FROM "AUTOMATIC" IN EVENT ATTACK ON SK (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GULF OIL CHRMN JUSTIFIES 4 MIL DOL CONTRIBUTION TO SK NECESSARY TO PROTECT COMPANY'S INVESTMENT THERE. NOTES GULF'S VULNERABILITY TO FOREIGN GOVTS' WISHES (WSJ).

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TEN-MEMBER SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATION, AFTER RECENT THREE-AND-ONE-HALF WEEKS IN PRC, PREDICTS US TRADE WITH PEKING WILL UNDERGO DRAMATIC RISE IF "POLITICAL QUESTIONS" SOLVED. SAY THEY LEARNED MAJOR BLOCKS ARE TAIWAN QUESTION AND DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION. CHAIRMAN

SAYS DELEGATION BELIEVES THERE SHOULD BE INCREASED TRADE, HE PERSONALLY FAVORS US RECOGNITION OF PEKING AND BELIEVES TAIWAN QUESTION SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE RECOGNITION EXTENDED; ANOTHER DELEGATION MEMBER SAYS HIS IMPRESSION PRC WANTS RECOGNITION AS PRELUDE TO SOLVING TAIWAN QUESTION. CHAIRMAN REPORTS PRC TRADE DELEGATION, FIRST OF ITS TYPE, WILL VISIT US IN SEPT (MURPHY, IN SAN FRAN CHRONICLE 5/22).

JOHNS HOPKINS' THOMAS THOMPSON (SUN) SEES PRES FORD FACING POLITICAL HURDLE IF HE RETURNS FROM PRC TRIP EMPTY-HANDED; REAL ISSUE BETWEEN US-PRC NOT TAIWAN, BUT CONTINUING US COLD WAR HOSTILITY TOWARDS PEKING, SENTIMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO ROC; SOLUTION AMENABLE TO ALL SHOULD BE POSSIBLE SO LONG AS TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC POSITION NOT ENDANGERED. SUN CITES VARIETY OF THOMPSON, BARNETT, FAIRBACK VIEWS AS DEMONSTRATING HOW MANY FORMULAS MIGHT ACCOMMODATE PRINCIPLE OF PRC POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ROC WITHOUT SACRIFICING LATTER'S ECON/CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS (BOTH IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BRADSHAW (WSTAR 5/30) CITES RECENT "MISTAKEN" FBIS LISTING OF TAIWAN BROADCASTS UNDER CHINESE NATIONAL AFFAIRS HEADING AS KIND OF EVENT THAT COULD PRESAGE US SHIFT ON ROC. OBSERVES HAK HAS SPOKEN REPEATEDLY OF GOOD US RELATIONS WITH PEKING, WHILE FORD HAD REVERTED TO CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANISM THINKING IN REITERATING SUPPORT FOR ROC; CITES DOS OFFICIALS THAT, WITH SECSTATE, PRES ABROAD, CHINA POLICY CONTINUES DOZING ALONG, ONLY OCCASIONALLY DISTURBED BY STRANGE UNEXPLAINED OCCURRENCES, UNTIL APPROACH OF FORD'S PEKING TRIP SNAPS IT INTO FULL ALERTNESS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN'S SNEIDEN, IN TAIPEI, FINDS CKS'S DEATH HAS HAD VIRTUALLY NO POLITICAL IMPACT AT ALL THERE; GIMO'S ERA REALLY ENDED THREE YEARS AGO WHEN CCK ASSUMED VIRTUAL CONTROL GOVT, SO HIS DEPARTURE WAS EVENT OF MERELY CEREMONIAL
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